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NC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that those who care for and interact with people who have hearing loss consider using a clear mask during communication. People with hearing loss often rely on lipreading, which is prevented by regular masks.<sup>1</sup>

The National Association of the Deaf says, "For communication access, clear masks are better than masks such as cloth masks, surgical masks, or N-95 masks. Keep in mind, some clear masks still block parts of the face. Clear masks may also become fogged while being worn. You can purchase some liquids to help reduce mask fogging".<sup>2</sup>

## See guide to the right with descriptions of some available clear masks.

These products are listed for informational purposes only. The North Carolina Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DSDHH) does not endorse any product, cannot guarantee how effectively the product will perform, cannot guarantee that the product is in stock and cautions that prices may vary. This is not an exhaustive list of all masks on the market. You can search trusted websites for other available products. DSDHH is not responsible for misuse of masks mentioned.

Product	Photo	Mask <b>s</b> Per Pack	Reusable or single use	Strap or Tie Type	Cleaning and Care	FDA Registered	Cost
<u>Clear Mask</u>		24	Single	Cordlock straps	Disposable	Yes	\$67.00 Per Box, Cases Available
<u>Communicator</u> <u>by Safe "N'</u> <u>Clear</u>		40	Single	Elastic Earloops	Disposable	Yes	\$60 Per Box, Cases Available
<u>Smile Mask</u> by Rafi Nova		Varies	Reusable	Ear loops and Tie- Behind	Hand wash with mild soap, air dry	No	Varies \$14.00- \$16.00 Multi- packs available
<u>The hearing</u> <u>spot</u> Facemask		Varies	Reusable	Adjustable Ear loops and Tie- Behind	Machine Washable or Handwash	No	Varies \$11.00- \$16.00 Educator Discounts Available

## Clear Mask Resource List ... Continued



Keeping windows on clear masks from fogging up: Some mask companies sell anti-fogging wipes or treatment for masks. The North Carolina Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing does not endorse any product.

**Knowledge Base** is an online community offering strategies for Deaf and Hard of Hearing and **Do-It-Yourself tips** for preventing mask fog.<sup>3</sup>

- 1. Considerations for Wearing Masks
- 2. Best Practices for Wearing Masks When Communicating with Deaf and Hard of Hearing People
- 3. Strategies to keep clear windows from fogging up

If you need further information about clear masks please contact your local <u>DSDHH</u> <u>Regional Center</u>.

Product	Photo	Mask Per Pack	Reusable or single use	Strap or Tie Type	Cleaning and Care	FDA Registered	Cost
<u>Humanity</u> <u>Shield</u>		Varies	Reusable	Face Shield with Fabric Barrier	Soap and hot water, then left out to dry	Unknown	\$59.60 Bulk Pricing Options Available
ADCO Brand Masks		Varies	Reusable	Cordlock straps	Machine	Yes	\$60 Per Box, Cases Available

## Clear masks that are coming

Product	Photo	Mask Per Pack	Reusable or single use	Strap or Tie Type	Cleaning and Care	FDA Registered	Cost
FaceView Mask (Coming Fall 2020)		40 Masks Per Box	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Available in Pre- Order



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